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What is claimed is:

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Pt 1. In a telecommunication system, a method of providing a user with data from a digital switching system, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving raw data output from a digital switch;

via a converter, converting said raw data into a format compatible with a predefined spreadsheet program; and

outputting converted data to and storing said converted data in at least one predefined workbook of said spreadsheet program.

2. The method in Claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

prior to said receiving, converting and outputting steps, installing said digital switch; and

performing said receiving, converting and outputting steps as part of a New Product Introduction test.

3. The method in Claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

prior to said receiving, converting and outputting steps, installing said digital switch; and

performing said receiving, converting and outputting steps as part of a Customer Acceptance test.

4. The method in Claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

using the output of said converter as a layout, preparing scripts containing Database Modification Commands;
transferring said scripts to said digital switch; and
via said digital switch, executing said scripts to modify a switch database.

5. The method in Claim 2 further comprising the steps of:

using the output of said converter as a layout, preparing scripts containing Database Modification Commands;
transferring said scripts to said digital switch; and
via said digital switch, executing said scripts to modify a switch database.

6. The method in Claim 3 further comprising the steps of:

using the output of said converter as a layout, preparing scripts containing Database Modification Commands;
transferring said scripts to said digital switch; and
via said digital switch, executing said scripts to modify a switch database.

a data receiver adapted to receive raw data from a digital switch;

a data converter coupled to said data receiver, said data converter

and a data output device coupled to an output of said data converter,

8. The apparatus in Claim 7 wherein the operation of said data re-

ceiver, data converter and data output device are adapted to be triggered via a user's "Make Workbook" Command.